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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 17

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GATT COUNCIL HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 17. IN ADDITION TO ITEMS MENTIONED IN REFTEL, FOLLOWING WILL ALSO APPEAR ON AGENDA.

1. PROPOSED EC REGULATIONS ON FATS AND OILS. ARGENTINA AND PERU ARE SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS COMPLAINING OF PROPOSED EC RESTRICTIONS. PERUVIAN DOCUMENT L/4389 IS ENTITLED "EEC PROPOSED REGULATIONS CONCERNING IMPORTS OF FATS AND OILS OF MARINE AND FISH MAMMALS." DOCUMENT NOTES THAT THIS

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ITEM IS INCLUDED IN GSP SCHEME OF EC AND SAYS PERU VIESS

PROPOSAL WITH GREAT CONCERN, WARNS OF POTENTIAL EFFECT ON LDCS, AND COMPLAINS OF STRENGTHENING OF EC SUBSIDY WITH RESPECT NFDM. PERU URGES THAT MEASURE NOT BE ADOPTED AND ASSERTS THAT IT INFRINGES THE GATT RULES, RUNS COUNTER TO PRINCIPLES GOVERNING CURRENT MTN, CONTRADICTS EC'S PROFESSED DESIRE TO PROMOTE TRADE OF LDCS, AND IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. DOCUMENT SUBMITTED BY ARGENTINA HAS NOT YET BEEN REPRODUCED; IF IT SHOULD DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY FROM PERUVIAN DOCUMENT, WE WILL SO REPORT. WE ANTICIPATE THAT EC RESPONSE WILL BE TO DECLINE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON BASIS THAT REGULATIONS ARE PROPOSED ONLY. SUGGEST U.S. ALSO USE THIS OCCASION TO REGISTER OUR CONCERN.

2. EC MEAT POLICY. ARGENTINA IS CIRCULATING A GATT DOCUMENT, NOT YET RECEIVED HERE, WHICH REPORTEDLY COMPLAINS OF OVERALL EC MEAT POLICY, INCLUDING PRODUCTION PROGRAM, REDUCED MARKET ACCESS, AND EXPORT REFUNDS. U.S. MAY WISH REMIND COUNCIL THAT WE HAVE OFTEN URGED EC TO MODERATE ITS MEAT POLICY.

3. EC EXPORT REFUNDS ON MALTED BARLEY. CHILE INTENDS COMPLAIN OF EC EXPORT REFUNDS, WHICH ALLEGEDLY SUBSIDIZE EC EXPORTS TO BRAZIL, THEREBY ENCROACHING ON TRADITIONAL CHILEAN EXPORT MARKET. UNDERSTAND A GATT DOCUMENT IS DUE OUT SOON; WILL REPORT IF IT CONTAINS FURTHER USEFUL DETAILS. MEANWHILE, ASSUME WASHINGTON WILL INDICATE TO US WHETHER THIS IS AREA OF U.S. CONCERN.

4. GREEK IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON MEAT. AUSTRALIA WILL REMIND COUNCIL OF PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS ON GREEK MEAT RESTRICTIONS AND INVITE GREECE TO MODIFY SAME.

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